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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCESSING  
GROUP ART UNIT: 1746**

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In re the application of:

**Koji Egashira, et al.**

Application No.: 09/801,106

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For: LIQUID PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005 was due October 5, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to November 7, 2005 (November 5, 2005 being a Saturday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.